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SUBJ: ANTI-DUMPING: STEEL BARS AND SHAPES

1. PRESS REPORTS CANADIAN STEEL MILLS PROBABLY
WILL CALL FOR AN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION
INTO IMPORTS OF STEEL BARS AND SHAPES WHEN INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
WEEK OF DECEMBER 8.

2. COMMENT. INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL
(BLACK) CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT GOC INDEED
CONSIDERING ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION AS STEEL BARS
AND SHAPES HAVE BEEN ENTERING CANADA AT "RIDICULOUSLY
LOW" PRICE, 10-28 PERCENT BELOW CANADIAN SELLING
PRICES. COUNTRIES INVOLVED ARE NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA,
POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EVEN ARGENTINA WHICH HAS
NEVER SHIPPED STEEL TO CANADA BEFORE. BLACK THOUGHT
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND WERE RESPONDING TO EEC
PRESSURES. APPARENTLY EEC CUT OFF IMPORTS FROM
EASTERN EUROPE AND CONSEQUENTLY PRODUCTS BEING
DIVERTED TO CANADIAN MARKET.

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